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SUBJECT: CHINESE OBSERVATIONS ON THE DPRK AND
-- SOVIET-DPRK RELATIONS
REFS: (A) MOSCOW 5081, (B) MOSCOW 5536
1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. A CHINESE POLCOUNS (PROTECT) HERE RECENTLY COMMENTED
ON SOVIET - DPRK RELATIONS IN A DISCUSSION WITH A WESTERN
DIPLOMAT. THE CHINESE POLCOUNS TERMED SINO-DPRK RELATIONS
EXCELLENT, BUT ADDED THAT THE DPRK HAS "DRIFTED" TOWARD
THE SOVIET UNION SINCE THE MAY 1984 KIM IL-SUNG VISIT TO
MOSCOW, AND THAT THE DPRK NOW IS TRYING TO PLAY OFF CHINA

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AND THE USSR AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.

3. THE CHINESE DIPLOMAT NOTED THAT DPRK VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS BEGAN TO ATTEND "SOCIALIST BLOC" VICE FOREIGN MINISTER MEETINGS AFTER THE KIM IL-SUNG VISIT. AT SOVIET MAY 9 "VICTORY DAY" CELEBRATIONS, THE CHINESE COUNTED FOUR DPRK DELEGATIONS, ONLY ONE OF WHICH WAS OFFICIAL AND ANNOUNCED IN THE SOVIET MEDIA. BESIDES THE OFFICIAL GROUP LED BY DPRK POLITBURO MEMBER PAK SONG-CH'OL, THERE WERE UNIDENTIFIED DPRK MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND VETERANS GROUPS IN MOSCOW.

4. THE CHINESE POLCOUNS SAID HE RECEIVED AN "UNCONVIN-
CING" EXPLANATION FROM A DPRK EMBASSY COUNTERPART OF ONE ASPECT OF THE RECENT VISIT HERE BY DPRK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM YONG-NAM (REFS A, B). ASKED ABOUT AN INITIAL TASS REPORT ON KIM YONG-NAM'S MEETING WITH GROMYKO (REF A) IN WHICH THE DPRK WAS ASSOCIATED BY TASS WITH "INDOCHINESE SOCIALIST" DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES, THE DPRK DIPLOMAT DENIED THAT THE DPRK HAD IN ANY WAY SHIFTED IN ITS OPPOSITION TO THE VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION OF CAMBODIA.

5. ON THE ROK AND THE US, THE CHINESE DIPLOMAT NOTED THAT DPRK OFFICIALS ALWAYS ASSERT THAT THE DPRK IS CONFRONTED WITH A GROWING MILITARY THREAT FROM THE SOUTH. IN THE CHINESE VIEW, SAID THE CHINESE POLCOUNS, KOREAN PENINSULAR TENSIONS ARE LOW AND DPRK FEARS ABOUT SOUTH
<> KOREAN AND US <><> MILITARY FORCES ARE<><> EXAGGERATED. THE
CHINESE DIPLOMAT SAID THAT CHINA IS NOT PUSHING FOR US
TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA. KAMMAN

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